
A thoughtful and readable essay in speech pathology is concerned not so much with aphasia sensu strictiori as with disorders of intonation, accent, 'melody,' and rhythm on the one hand, and with mutism, perseveration, verbigeration, 'Ideenflucht,' and speech medley on the other. These various departures from normality are discussed as they occur in a setting or background of mental impairment, and illustrated in an interesting fashion. Reference is made to still other anomalies of both neurological and psychiatric importance, such as the echolalia and coprolalia of Gilles de la Tourette's disease, pleonasms, speech 'contaminations' and 'word-monsters,' etc., such as are encountered in some of the psychoses. The general interpretation of these abnormalities here offered follows in part lines laid down by Wernicke and Kleist, and their relation to certain apraxic syndromes (ideomotor para-praxia) is discussed.


In the convenient form of a comprehensive monograph the reader will find everything that is at present known of epidemic encephalitis summarised and critically discussed by the Viennese authority, Prof. von Economo. Where all is so well done it is perhaps of minor importance to comment adversely, yet we cannot refrain from remarking that the least satisfactory aspect of the book is the sketchiness of the attempt to correlate semiology and pathological anatomy. The lacunae here are really rather striking; and this is the more regrettable since the author is evidently aware of the discrepancies between these two that have characterised a number of reported cases. On the other hand, the richness of the clinical and pathological descriptions separately leaves nothing to be desired. In an endeavour to assign an exact nosological position to the affection comparison and contrast with other varieties of encephalitis are carefully assessed, yet we miss allusion to rabies, which of them all most closely resembles the epidemic disease, especially in its early attack on the substantia nigra.

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